

AWE Committee

AWE Steering Committee
Minutes
10/16/09

Attendees: Ashley Bleadorn, Alex Campbell, Gary Mendenhall, Melissa Colon, Melissa Raby, Doralyn Foletti, Michelle Vidaurri, John Leamy, Lynn Martin, Adrienne Seegers, Alicia Kolstad, Vonna Breeze-Martin, Lisa Marik, Dennis Gervin, Kim Zubek, Craig Johnston, Mike Torok

- I. Welcome and Introductions – new student participant, Ashley Bleadorn

- II. Basic Skills Initiative (BSI) allocation update – Dennis
There is a solid plan for this year with adequate funding. There may be a reduction in funds and mid-year cuts with the amounts unknown.

- III. RP Group Supporting Student Success Conference Report- Alex, Anne, Adrienne
Alex presented brief overviews of the sessions she attended at the conference. Lots of excitement and energy from the information learned. (a brief synopsis by Alex will be added upon receipt)

Adrienne attended a session by Cerritos College on their Campaign to Improve Students Habits of Mind initiative and is excited to explore a similar idea here on campus. A workshop was presented by the AWE team and was very well received. Alex, Anne, Patricia, and Adrienne also attended a dinner for the Hewlett Leaders in Student Success awardees to share strategies and think about next steps for assisting other colleges. Three new awardees were selected this year for a total of seven. There will be no new awards.

- IV. FIG Reports!
Craig: AAC
The tutors are continuing to excel with an increased usage by students and faculty. There are 13 sessions/group tutoring especially on Tuesday and Thursdays with the addition of embedded online tutors as of this semester.

Doralyn/Michelle: Boots to Books
Veteran population on campus grew to a total of 72 now, increase by approximately 40 students. With the AWE funds the FIG has been able to establish a library textbook reserve system for VETs, and a peer support group that meets often. (a copy of Michelle's report is attached)

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Melissa: Visibility and Distance Education

New website will be launched October 30th. A new feature will be highlighted - the “AWE Stars” – tutor of the month and staff /faculty. Distance Ed has a new cohort with Blackboard 9 – multimedia rich software Remember to contact Melissa with your news and accomplishments to publish in the monthly newsletter.

Vonna: ESL and ESL Enhancement

Enrollment is up to 67 students attending 7 different classes. There are a few facility issues, transit issues, and software issues being dealt with by the team. Good news is the GED in Spanish is ready to go and will be offered November 3rd or 5th for 27 students.

Alex: Research

The Institutional Effectiveness Report is a very useful tool. The results of the Survey on Cohort training has been completed and is available for anyone interested in reading it. The form to complete to gain access to Alex’s time is on Dennis’ desk for approval.

Craig and Karin: DSPS/LDS Tutoring

The process is still in the development phase.

Adrienne: Embedding Basic Skills Class

A new section is scheduled to start on Monday, October 19th – fully online. A flyer was distributed via email by Adrienne to inform the college faculty and staff.

Craig: First Semester Experience

The current class is plugging along. In Spring FSE will not have the math component. The Fall 2010 offering needs to be discussed and finalized by the team. Students from previous FSE classes are doing excellent in school and coaching the current FSE students.

Gary: House Call and Side Car

Both Side Car and House Call are working with various vocational programs. (a copy of the material from Gary is attached)

Adrienne: Student Focus

This FIG is still in the organizational mode – now that Ashley is part of the team more progress will be made towards the goal.

Craig: Summer Support

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The AAC had 176 appointments for tutoring in subject areas during summer – an increase from previous semesters. The tutoring workshop to train tutors was also held with great success.

Kim: Wellness

With the huge interest in the FLU – a Chicken Soup Day will be held October 27th and 28th with free Chicken soup to students, faculty, and staff along with a flu kit.

Alicia: On Ramp

The program will be held again this coming summer from August 9th – 19th, and offering Skills 690, Libr 1, and Guide 107. The need for basic computer skills was noted. The instructional team is working with leadership on the computer science department to provide the basic computer skills class.

Lynn: Online Orientation

The process is started with 5 components to be produced by Jake. The target date is November 21st as that is the first orientation for Spring 2010.

It was mentioned that it would be great if program choice information could be added with links to videos, or other information.

- V. Review planning calendar/next steps – Adrienne
The November meeting will be another check on FIGS. December need all proposals for 2010.2011.

Next meeting: 11/20/09 9:00 AM -10:30 AM in the Cellar